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BAREFOOT PLEA



Colton Harris-Moore, the teenage fugitive police have dubbed the "Barefoot Bandit," is escorted to court in Nassau, Tuesday July 13, 2010. Harris-Moore, who was captured Sunday following a high-speed boat chase in Eleuthera island, pleaded guilty to a minor offense in the Bahamas and is expected to be deported soon to the U.S. to face prosecution.

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SPORTS NEWS

"THE BOSS" DIES



This March 8, 2010 file photo shows New York Yankees chairman and principal owner George M. Steinbrenner, right, sitting with his daughter, Jennifer Steinbrenner Swindal, as the pair sit in the family's private box watching the Yankees defeat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-5 in a spring training baseball game at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, Fla. A person close to George Steinbrenner says the Yankees owner died Tuesday morning, July 13, 2010.

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New BP cap set for slow tests



In this image taken from video provided by BP PLC at 18:17 CDT, a new containment cap, top, is lowered over the broken wellhead at the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Monday, July 12, 2010. Deep-sea robots swarmed around BP's ruptured oil well Monday in a delicately choreographed effort to attach the tighter-fitting cap that could finally stop crude from gushing into the Gulf of Mexico nearly three months into the crisis.

Associated Press

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — With a tight new cap freshly installed on its leaking well in the Gulf of Mexico, BP planned gradual tests starting Tuesday to see if the device can stop oil from pouring

into the sea for the first time in nearly three months. The cap would be just a temporary solution, but it offers the best hope yet for cutting off the crude that has fouled the Gulf since the Deepwater Horizon rig leased by BP exploded April 20, killing 11 workers.

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This May 18 2010 file photo shows a woman, who gave her name as Najat, holding her passport during a press conference in Montreuil, east of Paris. A proposed law to ban wearing the burqa-style Islamic veil in public, in France, goes before parliament Tuesday July 6, 2010. President Nicolas Sarkozy's government has cast the measure as a way to promote equality between the sexes and protect oppressed women, despite concerns of many French Muslims, and scholars who argue that it is not constitutional.

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Senators seek probe into alleged BP-Lockerbie link



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton listens during a joint press availability with Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari, not shown, Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at the State Department in Washington.

Associated Press

MATTHEW LEE, Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The four senators from New Jersey and New York asked the U.S. State Department on Tuesday to investigate whether oil giant BP played a role in winning last year's release of the man convicted of the Lockerbie airliner bombing. The request to Secretary

of State Hillary Rodham Clinton came a day after the same senators asked her to press the British government to look into the circumstances surrounding the release of the convicted bomber, Abdel Baset al-Megrahi. In the second letter, the four Democrats said they were concerned that BP

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French parliament OKs ban on face veils

ANGELA DOLAND
Associated Press Writer
PARIS (AP) — France's lower house of parliament overwhelmingly approved a ban on wearing burqa-style Islamic veils Tuesday, part of a determined effort

to define and protect French values that has disconcerted many in the country's large Muslim community. Proponents of the law say face-covering veils don't square with the French ideal

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Obama nominates Jacob Lew as new budget director



In this Dec. 9, 2009 file photo, Jacob Lew testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. President Barack Obama says he will nominate Lew to serve as budget director.

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JULIE PACE
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama nominated a top State Department official to serve as director of the Office of Management and Budget Tuesday, charging him with

putting the U.S. on a fiscally responsible path. "At a time when so many families are tightening their belts, he's going to make sure the government continues to tighten its own," Obama said in announcing Deputy Secretary of State Jacob Lew's selection

at the White House. "He's going to do this while making government more efficient, more responsive to the people it serves," Obama continued. If confirmed by the Senate, Lew would assume the Cabinet-level post with the administration facing a deficit already exceeding \$1 trillion for the first three quarters of the fiscal year. Current projections show unsustainably large deficits predicted for the coming decade, but the administration has not devised a plan to wrestle them under control, instead pinning its hopes on a bipartisan fiscal commission that many believe is doomed to election-year gridlock. Lew is no stranger to the job, having served as budget director for almost three years at the tail end of the

Clinton administration. He presided over an era of surpluses that were fueled by the revenue boom of the late 1990s — when federal coffers were so flush that policymakers pressed to put extra pension fund revenues into a "lockbox" so that they would not be used to fund other programs. Lew would take over for current OMB director Peter Orszag, who is stepping down this month. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton recruited Lew to serve as deputy secretary of state for management and resources, a position that had been

created during the Bush administration but had never been filled. In that post, Lew was instrumental in securing increased funding for State Department operations and international affairs in Obama's first two proposed budgets. But Lew was not a desk-bound accountant. In addition to maneuvering through the appropriations process, Lew was also a diplomat, traveling abroad to places like Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan to look into U.S. assistance programs and evaluate their efficiency and effectiveness.



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Defector do-over? Iran

scientist wants to go home

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WASHINGTON (AP) — An Iranian scientist sought refuge in the Pakistani Embassy compound and asked to go home, an apparent defection gone wrong that could embarrass the United States and its efforts to gather intelligence on Tehran's suspected nuclear weapons program. Iran — and at one point, scientist Shahram Amiri — claimed the CIA had kidnapped him; the United States said Tuesday that nothing of the sort happened. Amiri disappeared while on a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia in June 2009, surfacing in videos but otherwise out of sight until the latest bizarre twist in the case.

"Mr. Amiri has been in the United States of his own free will and he is free to go," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said. It was the first time the Obama administration publicly acknowledged Amiri was in the United States. Reliable and timely information about Iran's nuclear program is of enormous importance to the Obama administration and other countries seeking to stop the Islamic republic from getting the bomb. Beyond using diplomatic means to try to stop Iran, the United States and Israel have not ruled out using military force. Iran maintains that its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes. Washington has denied Iran's accusation that U.S. agents kidnapped Amiri, a charge that grew more confused with the appearance in recent months of videos purporting to show Amiri making conflicting



This frame grab image taken from a video posted on YouTube and which appeared on Iranian television on June 7, 2010, shows a man whom Iranian broadcasters identified as Iranian nuclear scientist Shahram Amiri. In this video, posted to YouTube immediately after another video was posted in which Amiri, speaking in Farsi, claims he was kidnapped by American and Saudi intelligence agents and taken to the U.S., the man also identifies himself as Shahram Amiri, an Iranian citizen. But in this second video, Amiri says he is in the United States with the intention of obtaining an academic degree, that he is safe and that the "rumors and accusations made against him in the past year are untrue." In this video, there is no context about who made it, who he is speaking to or where, and he does not give the date of when he is speaking. Amiri, who sought refuge at a Pakistani embassy office in Washington Monday July 12, 2010 and who Iran claims was abducted, is free to return to his homeland, the State Department said Tuesday.

Associated Press

claims about his fate. "He left his family behind, that was his choice," said a U.S. official who was briefed on the case and spoke on the condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly about the case. In one, he claimed U.S. and Saudi "terror and kidnap teams" snatched him; in another, he said he was happily studying for a doctorate in the United States. The murky circumstances gave credence to the theory that Amiri, 32, might have been coerced by Iran into claiming he was kidnapped. "I expect they got to his family," said Clare Lopez, senior fellow at the Center for Security Policy and a former operations officer for the CIA. "Now he'll go back and save them." ABC News reported that Amiri called home this year because he missed his wife and son in Iran and that his son had

been threatened with harm. Whatever the reason for his disappearance, important questions remain about what of value, if anything, Amiri shared with American intelligence about the Iranian nuclear program. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said he does not know what Amiri may have told U.S. officials, but he did say that the U.S. government "has maintained contact with him" during his stay in the United States. Pressed to say whether Amiri was a defector, Crowley replied, "I just don't know the answer." Iran's foreign minister, Manouchehr Mottaki, told a news conference in Madrid on Tuesday that Amiri was found after having been kidnapped during the Saudi Hajj and taken to the United States against his will. He demanded that Amiri be allowed to return home "without any obstacle." In brief remarks to reporters, Clinton said it was up to

Amiri to decide whether to stay in the United States. "These are decisions that are his alone to make," Clinton said. "In contrast, Iran continues to hold three young Americans against their will, and we reiterate our request that they be released and allowed to return to their families

on a humanitarian basis." Clinton was referring to three American hikers who have been held by Tehran since July 2009 on an accusation of illegally entering the country. They have not been charged. Clinton also mentioned the case of Robert Levinson, a former FBI agent who disappeared in Iran in 2007.

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GOP group challenges policy on gays in military



Charles Moran, president of the Log Cabin Republicans, is photographed outside federal court Tuesday, July 13, 2010 in Riverside, Calif. at the non-jury trial of a lawsuit filed by the Log Cabin Republicans against the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy. President Barack Obama's remarks that the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy weakens national security shows it should be declared unconstitutional, a lawyer for the nation's largest Republican gay rights group told a federal judge Tuesday. Associated Press

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may have put profits ahead of justice in the al-Megrahi case, given the petroleum giant's current handling of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. "Evidence in the Deepwater Horizon disaster seems to suggest that BP would put profit ahead of people — its attention to safety was negligible and it routinely underestimated the amount of oil gushing into the Gulf," according to the letter from Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer of New York and Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez of New Jersey. "The question we now have to answer is, was this corporation willing to trade justice in the murder of 270 innocent people for oil profits?" The aim of the investigation, they wrote, was to "fully determine the legitimacy of the decision to release

this mass murderer and to fully understand the source of revenue streams for this corporation, which owes American taxpayers and coastal families billions of dollars." BP signed a \$900 million exploration agreement with Libya in May 2007, the same month that Britain and Libya signed a memorandum of understanding that paved the way for al-Megrahi's release from a Scottish prison. At the time, BP said it told British officials to seal quickly a prisoner transfer agreement with Libya but did not mention al-Megrahi. On Tuesday, BP repeated that it did not specifically talk about the al-Megrahi case. "Like many others we were aware that a delay in the deal might have negative consequences for UK commercial interests,

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RIVERSIDE, California (AP) — President Barack Obama's remarks that the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy weakens national security shows it should be declared unconstitutional, a lawyer for the nation's largest Republican gay rights group told a federal judge Tuesday. Attorney Dan Woods said in his opening statement of a U.S. District Court trial that he plans to use the president's statements to support a lawsuit by the

including ratification of BP's exploration agreement," said company spokesman Robert Wine. "However, we did not express a view about the specific form of the agreement, which was a matter for the UK and Libyan governments, or make representations over the al-Megrahi case, which was solely a matter for the Scottish Executive and not for the UK Government." Al-Megrahi served eight years of a life sentence for the Dec. 21, 1988, bombing of the Pan Am Flight 103 as it flew from London to New York. The bombing killed 270 people, most of them American. He was released on compassionate grounds and returned to Libya in August of last year after doctors said the cancer-stricken man had only three months to live.

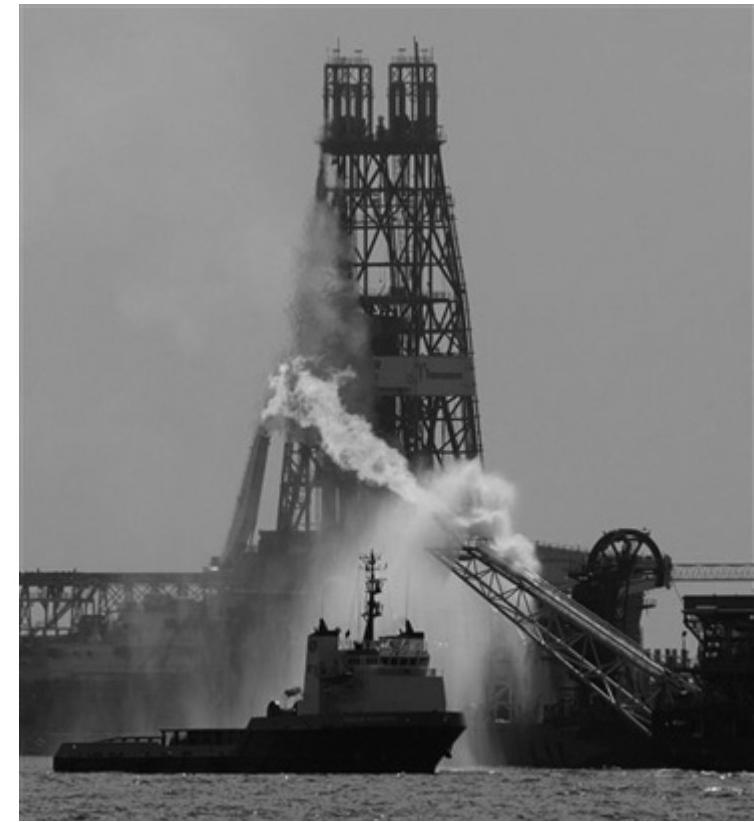
Log Cabin Republicans that has put the government in the position of defending the policy while Obama is pushing Congress to repeal it. U.S. District Judge Virginia A. Phillips is conducting a non-jury trial of the lawsuit, the broadest challenge to the policy in recent years. The 19,000-member Log Cabin Republicans include current and former military members. Woods said that if the lawsuit prevails he will ask the judge to immediately halt use of the policy. "Don't ask, don't tell" prohibits the military from asking about the sexual orientation of service members but requires discharge of those who acknowledge being gay or are discovered to be engaging in homosexual activity, even in the privacy of their own homes off base. "Our military excludes these men and women from service solely on the basis of status and conduct that is constitutionally protected," Woods said in his opening. "We aim to show you at this trial that there is no legitimate basis for 'don't ask, don't tell,' and there never has been." U.S. Department of Justice attorney Paul G. Freeborne presented the policy's legislative history but said the government would not present any other evidence or witnesses. Freeborne said the Log Cabin Republicans were trying to force change through the courts when it should be up to Congress. "LCR's entire case is at its core an attempt to redo those proceedings before Congress," he said. Some legal experts say the trial could not come at a worse time for Obama, who derided the policy but has failed to get it off the books since taking office last year. Not only are midterm elections approaching, but the group suing the U.S. government is Republican. "This trial is taking place as a direct consequence of the president's political decision in January 2009 to put the repeal of this law on the back burner," said Richard Socarides, an attorney and a senior adviser to President Bill Clinton on gay rights issues. "We shouldn't still be living under a law that excludes people from military service because they are gay." Socarides asserted that the Justice Department's defense of the policy in court is nonsensical. "On the one hand, the president has said he's working hard to stop these discharges. And on the other hand, the Justice Department is spending taxpayer dollars defending their ongoing right to kick people out," Socarides said. In a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press, the Justice Department said it is "defending the statute, as it traditionally

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Engineers will slowly shut down three valves that let oil flow through the 75-ton capping device to see if it can withstand the pressure of the erupting crude and to watch if leaks spring up elsewhere in the well. BP at first said the tests should start by midday but later said that was overly optimistic. The start was pushed back several hours. If pressure inside the cap stays in a target range for roughly six hours after the valves are closed, there will be more confidence the cap can contain the oil, National Incident Commander Thad Allen told a news briefing at BP's U.S. headquarters in Houston. Anything lower could indicate another leak in the well. Allen and BP officials repeatedly cautioned there are no guarantees about the delicate work a mile below the sea. Allen urged Gulf Coast residents watching the possible fix evolve to be patient. "They ought to be interested and concerned but if they hold their breath, they'll run out of oxygen. I won't be," Allen told The Associated Press after the briefing. The tests could last anywhere from six to 48 hours, Allen and BP said. Kent Wells, a senior vice president at the oil giant, declined to talk about BP's next steps until the test results are in hand. "It's not simple stuff. What we don't want to do is speculate around it," Wells said in a BP news briefing. The cap's installation Monday after three days of undersea preparations was good news to weary people on the coast from Texas to Florida, who have waited for BP to make good on its promise to clean up the mess. "Hopefully this is the moment when they get it cut off," said Prentiss Ming, 23, a Pizza Hut

manager from Pensacola, Florida, who was on the beach there. "But you can't really believe it." Still, even if the oil is stopped, the consequences are far from over. "I ain't excited about it until it's closed off completely," said James Pelas, 41, a shrimper working on his boat at a marina in Venice, Louisiana. "Oil's scattered all over the place." The cap will be tested by closing off three separate valves that fit together snugly, choking off the oil from entering the Gulf. BP expects no oil will be released into the ocean during the tests, but remained cautious about the success of the system. Pipes can be hooked to the cap to funnel oil to collection ships if BP decides the cap can't take the pressure of the gusher, or if low pressure readings indicate oil is leaking from elsewhere in the well. Even if the cap works, the blown-out well must still be plugged. A permanent fix will have to wait until one of two relief wells being drilled reaches the broken well, which will then be plugged up with drilling mud and cement. That may not happen until mid-August. Even if the flow of oil is choked off while BP works on a permanent fix, the spill has already damaged everything from beach tourism to the fishing industry. Tony Wood, director of the National Spill Control School at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi said the sloppiest of the oil — mousse-like brown stuff that has not yet broken down — will keep washing ashore for several months, with the volume slowly decreasing over time. He added that hardened tar balls could keep hitting beaches and marshes each time a major storm rolls through for a year or more.

Those tar balls are likely trapped for now in the surf zone, gathering behind sand bars just like sea shells. "It will still be getting on people's feet on the beaches probably a year or two from now," Wood said. But on Monday, the region absorbed a rare piece of good news in the placement of the 150,000-pound cap on top of the gushing leak responsible for so much misery. Around 6:30 p.m. CDT, live video streams trained on the wellhead showed the cap being slowly lowered into place. BP officials said the device was attached around 7 p.m.. Residents skeptical if BP can deliver on its promise to control the spill greeted the news cautiously.



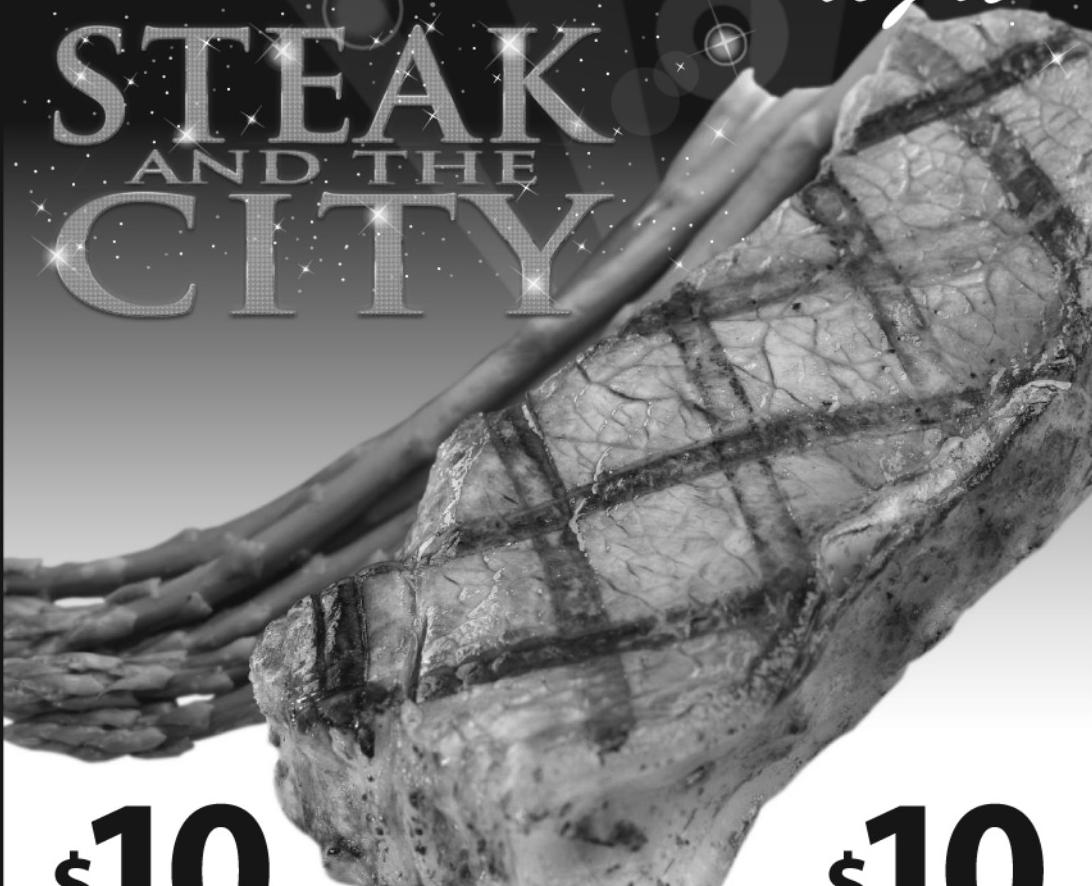
A work boat, left, operates near the Helix Producer, right, in the area of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill on the Gulf of Mexico, Tuesday, July 13, 2010. BP officials have placed a containment cap over the leak in hopes that the flow of oil will be diminished.

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Italy nabs 300 mobsters, reveals new mob structure

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Associated Press Writer
MILAN(AP)—Anti-mafia prosecutors claimed a major victory over the powerful and growing 'ndrangheta crime syndicate, infiltrating intimate weddings, baptisms and other events to gather information that led to the arrests Tuesday of 305 people, including top bosses, and the seizure of more than €60 million (\$76 million) in cash and property. One of the most significant

revelations to emerge from the investigation was that the Calabrian mob had a tight hierachal structure like that of the Sicilian Mafia, and wasn't just an association of clans as previously believed. While expanding its economic reach into the wealthy Lombard region in northern Italy, the 'ndrangheta (en-DRAN-geh-tah) is also concentrating its power in its native Calabria, exerting tight control over all strategic decision-making,



A view of a press conference at the Milan's court, Italy, Tuesday, July 13, 2010, following the biggest operations ever against the powerful 'ndrangheta crime organization, in which 300 people were arrested including top bosses, and million of dollars (euros) in property seized. The pre-dawn raids Tuesday involved some 3,000 police across the country. Charges include murder, extortion, arms and drug trafficking and criminal association. Investigators described the operation as one of biggest blows ever to an organization that today is considered more powerful than the Sicilian Mafia. Associated Press

anti-mafia prosecutors said. The operation began before dawn with the 4 a.m. arrest of Domenico Oppedisano, the crime group's top boss, in the small coastal town of Rosarno in Calabria. But the investigation owed its success to investigators' ability to infiltrate events like the 2009 wedding of the children of two crime bosses in Calabria, attended by thousands of well-wishers, where Oppedisano was named to his post, said Calabrian anti-mafia prosecutor Giuseppe Pignatone. When Oppedisano was formally elevated some two weeks later, on Sept. 2, the feast of Madonna Polisi, undercover agents got video of the crime syndicate's major bosses all being confirmed in their new positions in the structure, he said. "Police and carabinieri have

been able to record since Aug. 1, 2009 all of the major negotiations of the various families," Pignatone told a news conference. That includes some 40 similar meetings in Lombardy, which has become the Calabrian mob's moneymaking center, with operations focusing on excavations for construction sites, trash disposal and real estate. While officials seized €60 million in cash and property, prosecutors are unable to estimate how much the 'ndrangheta is cashing in each year. Wiretaps indicate that as many as 500 'ndrangheta mobsters are operating in Lombardy, where 160 were arrested. They include Pino Neri, whom police said was in charge of the gang's businesses in Milan, where the 'ndrangheta has been making major inroads.

The investigation revealed the 'ndrangheta was extremely "hierarchical, united and pyramidal," and not just clan-based as previously believed, said Italy's chief anti-mafia prosecutor Piero Grasso. That became clear when the Lombard branch, empowered by its riches, attempted to exert autonomy and was cut short when the Calabrian bosses sent a professional killer to murder the would-be upstarts, Pignatone said. The 'ndrangheta has emerged as one of the most powerful of the crime syndicates, even if only since February has Italian law recognized it as a criminal organization. From Calabria, it has spread its tentacles to northern Italy, where it migrated in the 1970s and 1980s, to Germany, and as far away as Canada and Australia.



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Venezuela deports alleged drug cartel boss to US

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela handed over three major drug trafficking suspects to U.S. authorities on Tuesday including an alleged boss of Colombia's Norte del Valle cartel. Carlos Alberto "Beto" Renteria is accused of being a leader of the Norte del Valle cartel that allegedly shipped hundreds of tons of cocaine to the United States. U.S. authorities had offered a \$5 million reward for information leading to the arrest of Renteria, 65, who was captured on July 4 in Caracas. He was escorted to a U.S. Justice Department plane, handcuffed and with a lowered head, after two other Colombians recently arrested in Venezuela:

Luis Frank Tello and Carlos Alberto Ojeda Herrera. Both Tello and Ojeda shouted angrily as they were led to the plane at Caracas' international airport in Maiquetia, saying they are Venezuelans. "This is a kidnapping!" Ojeda shouted. "I'm Venezuelan!" Tello shouted that he supports President Hugo Chavez, saying: "I'm a Chavista!" Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami did not comment on their remarks. He said their deportation to the U.S. demonstrates Venezuela's commitment to counter-drug efforts. The U.S. Embassy described all three suspects as "major narco-traffickers" and praised Venezuelan police for the arrests.

"These are very dangerous, violent individuals with outstanding warrants in the United States," the embassy said in a statement. "The United States reaffirms its interest in deepening its cooperation with the Venezuelan government in the fight against narco-trafficking." Tello, 47, was arrested on June 23 in Caracas and is wanted in the United States for crimes including drug trafficking, conspiracy and laundering drug proceeds, Venezuelan officials say. El Aissami has accused Tello of collaborating with Mexico's Zetas drug gang. Ojeda, 55, was arrested in May in eastern Anzoategui state, and Venezuelan authorities say he is wanted in the U.S. for trafficking heroin and cocaine to the



Colombian Luis Frank Tello, a suspected drug trafficker, is escorted by Venezuelan secret police during his extradition to the U.S. from Simon Bolivar international airport in Maiquetia on the outskirts of Caracas, Tuesday July 13, 2010. Tello screamed that he is Venezuelan.

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U.S. and Puerto Rico. Venezuela has become a major hub for traffickers smuggling Colombian cocaine to the United States and Europe. U.S. and Colombian officials have previously accused

Chavez's

government of lax anti-drug efforts, but Chavez says his country is doing everything possible to stem the flow of drugs and he accuses Washington and Bogota of unfairly labeling his country a drug haven for political reasons.

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Quick guilty plea in 'Barefoot' case in Bahamas



Colton Harris-Moore, the teenage fugitive police have dubbed the "Barefoot Bandit," is escorted handcuffed by Bahamian authorities to the court building in Nassau, Tuesday July 13, 2010. Associated Press

JUAN McCARTNEY
Associated Press Writer
NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — The American teenager who police call the "Barefoot Bandit" pleaded guilty Tuesday to a minor offense in the Bahamas and will be deported soon to face prosecution for a string of break-ins and plane thefts across the United States. Colton Harris-Moore pleaded guilty to illegal entering the country at his first court appearance in the Bahamas, where police ended the 19-year-old convict's alleged two-year crime spree by capturing him following a high-speed boat chase. The charge stemming from his alleged crash of a stolen plane on Great Abaco Island carries a \$300 fine or three months in jail, followed by deportation. His lawyer, Monique

Gomez, said the U.S. Embassy would pay the fine. "Colton wants to go home," Gomez said. The shackled teen smiled after the judge read the sentence. Bahamian police had earlier said that he would face other charges including illegal weapons possession related to a string of break-ins and thefts during his weeklong hideout in the country. Harris-Moore wore white high-top sneakers without laces and kept his head down as armed officers escorted him to the courthouse. A police SWAT team stood by as authorities put up street barricades ahead of the hearing for the celebrity suspect. Authorities say he earned the "Barefoot Bandit" nickname by committing some crimes while shoeless, and in

February he allegedly drew chalk-outline feet all over the floor of a grocery store during a burglary in Washington's San Juan Islands. Harris-Moore is suspected in about 70 property crimes across eight states and British Columbia, many of them in the bucolic islands of Washington state. He is accused of stealing a plane from an Indiana airport to fly to the Bahamas. His mother, Pam Kohler, seemed relieved. "I'm really tired," Kohler said from her home on Camano Island, Washington. "Yes, I look forward to seeing him." Asked what she planned to say to her son when she saw him, she said angrily, "What kind of question is that?" and hung up the phone. His arrest came as a relief to people across rural Camano Island, where authorities say he learned to dodge police. "There's a lot of relief throughout the community," said real estate agent Mark Williams. "I think the man's luck just wore out. You run through the woods long enough, you're going to trip over a log." Residents of the island also lashed out at the teen's mother this week, saying her decision to hire a well-known Seattle lawyer suggests she's trying to profit from a crime spree that police say took

her son from the cedar trees in Washington to the bright beaches of the Bahamas. "Of course she wants the money. She doesn't work," said Joshua Flickner, whose family owns an island grocery store. "What makes me more angry than the fact that she's trying to profit off this is that there's any profit to be had." The mother's attorney downplayed any profit motive, saying Kohler contacted him for advice after being inundated by requests from news reporters as well as inquiries about book and movie deals. "Her feelings are relief and exhaustion," O. Yale Lewis said. "Obviously, there is enormous interest in this story, and she wants to be careful about how to proceed. But her first concern has been to make sure her son is safe. "And I think she hasn't given much thought beyond that," he said. Harris-Moore told police in the Bahamas that he came to the country, located off the Florida coast, because it has so many islands, airports and docks, according to an officer who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case. The teenager claimed that he told islanders he was trying to get to Cuba so he could throw police off his trail, but he intended to make his way to the Turks and Caicos Islands southeast of the Bahamas, the officer said. The suspect learned from the Internet that the British territory has a small police force and no marine defense force, according to the officer. Harris-Moore spent Monday being questioned by investigators. Police Commissioner Ellison Greenslade described him as eloquent, calm, cooperative and "obviously a very intelligent young man," but declined to say whether he made any confession.

Kohler's older sister, Sandra Puttmann, of Arlington, was the first relative to hear from Harris-Moore after his arrest Sunday. She said he was "holding up" but scared now that he's in custody for the first time since he walked away from a halfway house south of Seattle. Puttmann angrily criticized news stories about her nephew, saying reporters typically gloss over his difficult upbringing. She said police routinely accused him of stealing even when he hadn't and school officials didn't give him a chance — something police and school officials have adamantly denied. Harris-Moore told a psychologist in 2008 that his mother was abusive when she'd been drinking, according to a court document cited Monday by The Herald newspaper of Everett. His father left when he was a toddler, and his stepfather died when he was 7, Kohler has said. He is accused of crimes in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. Emily Langlie, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Seattle, said Tuesday she expected Harris-Moore to be flown first to the southern district of Florida. Typically, defendants make an initial court appearance in the closest federal jurisdiction to the country deporting them. She said the U.S. Marshals Service would then fly Harris-Moore to Seattle, where he faces a federal complaint of interstate transportation of stolen property alleging that he took a plane from Idaho and crashed it in Washington. "Exactly when he would arrive here is a moving target as far as I know," she said. David Miller, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Service in Seattle, said he did not expect Harris-Moore to return to Seattle sooner than two to three weeks, even if he waives an identity hearing.

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of women's equality or its secular tradition. The bill is controversial abroad but popular in France, where its relatively few outspoken critics say conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy has resorted to xenophobia to attract far-right voters. The ban on burqas and niqabs will go in September to the Senate, where it also is likely to pass. Its biggest hurdle will likely come after that, when France's constitutional watchdog scrutinizes it. Some legal scholars say there is a chance it could be deemed unconstitutional. The issue has been debated across Europe, and Spain and Belgium have similar bans in the works. In France, which has Europe's largest Muslim population, about 5 million of the country's 64 million people are believed to be Muslim. While ordinary headscarves are common in France, only about 1,900 women are believed to wear face-covering veils. The main body representing French Muslims believes such garb is not suitable in France, but it fears the ban

will stigmatize all Muslims. Malika Hamidi, director general of the European Muslim Network think tank, said she is very worried. The ban's backers are "playing up a feeling of fear of Islam" at a time when Europe is concerned about its changing identity, struggling to manage its diversity and dealing with an economic crisis, she said. In Tuesday's vote at the National Assembly, there were 335 votes for the bill and just one against it. Most members of the main opposition group, the Socialist Party, walked out and refused to vote, though they in fact support a ban. They simply have differences over where it should be enforced, underscoring the lack of controversy among French politicians on the issue. The bill passed Tuesday bans face-covering veils everywhere that can be considered public space, even in the street, but the Socialists only want it in certain places, such as government buildings, hospitals and public transport. France's government has insisted that assimilation

is the only path for immigrants and minorities, and last year it launched a grand nationwide debate on what it means to be French. The country has had difficulty integrating generations of immigrants and their children, as witnessed by weeks of rioting by youths, many of them minorities, in troubled neighborhoods in 2005. At the National Assembly, few dissenters spoke out about civil liberties or fears of fanning anti-Islam sentiment. Legislator Berengere Poletti, of Sarkozy's party, said face-covering veils "are a prison for women, they are the sign of their submission to their husbands, brothers or fathers." The niqab and burqa are also seen here as a gateway to extremism and an attack on secularism, a central value of France for more than a century. Discussions in France have dragged on for more than a year, since Sarkozy declared in June 2009 that the burqa is "not welcome" in France. There has been some concern the bill could prod terror groups to eye



French Justice Minister Michele Alliot Marie sits on the bench at the National Assembly, Tuesday July 13, 2010 in Paris. France's lower house of parliament has approved a ban on burqa-like Islamic veils, a move that is popular among French voters despite serious concerns from Muslim groups and human rights advocates.

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France or its citizens as potential targets. Following Sarkozy's comments, al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb issued a statement on Websites vowing to "seek vengeance against France." The legislation would forbid face-covering Muslim veils in all public places in France and calls for €150 (\$185) fines or citizenship classes, or both. Socialist Senator Bariza Khiari, one of France's few Muslim politicians, fears some women targeted "will withdraw into themselves, stay in the house, and instead of doing education projects, we're doing a ban, which I regret." The bill also is aimed at husbands and fathers — anyone convicted of forcing someone else to wear the garb risks a year of prison and a €30,000 (\$38,000) fine, with both penalties doubled if the victim is a minor. Officials have taken pains to craft language that does not single out Muslims. While the proposed legislation is colloquially referred to as the "anti-burqa law," it is officially called "the bill to forbid concealing one's face in public."

Polanski only safe in France, Poland, Switzerland

Roman Polanski may once again be seen on the red carpet at Cannes — but he won't be attending the Venice Film Festival or the Oscars anytime soon.

Freed from Swiss house arrest after the government refused to deport him to the United States, the 76-year-old movie director still faces an Interpol warrant in effect for 188 countries for a 1977 child sex case.

That means now, more than ever, Polanski is truly safe from arrest only in his home nations of France and Poland, and — due to this week's stunning decision — Switzerland.

"He is in the situation he was in a year ago," said Georges Kiejman, a France-based lawyer for Polanski. "He is free to travel in Switzerland, in France, in Poland, and in all the countries that don't have extradition agreements with the United States."

Still, publicity about his case and the looming warrant is certain to curtail the director's future travels.

Most of Europe has arrangements with Washington on sending wanted individuals back and forth, but Polanski has traveled freely in numerous European countries since fleeing U.S. justice in 1978. He made his latest film "The Ghost Writer" in Germany last year and visited Austria just before the Swiss arrested him in September.

Polanski's whereabouts were still unclear Tuesday, a day after the Swiss government surprisingly decided to refuse a U.S. extradition request for the filmmaker to be sentenced for having sex with a 13-year-old girl, Samantha Geimer. Prosecutors in Los Angeles and justice officials in Washington have said they will continue to pursue Polanski. Kiejman told The Associated Press that his client was "happy with his freedom."

"Give him a few days to breathe," Kiejman added, calling on the U.S. to scrap its international arrest warrant.

Geimer, who long ago identified herself as Polanski's



victim, told the Los Angeles Times in a story posted Tuesday that the case should have been resolved 33 years ago when it happened.

"Enough is enough," she said of the continuing efforts to prosecute Polanski. She was barred from talking about her civil suit settlement with the director but said it didn't influence her views. "I've felt this way from the beginning," she said.

Since fleeing Los Angeles on the eve of his Feb. 1, 1978, sentencing, the Oscar-winning director of "Rosemary's Baby," "Chinatown" and "The Pianist" has mainly lived in France, which does not extradite its own citizens. And he's spent long periods of time in Switzerland, which allowed him to buy a home in 2006.

Polanski, who survived the Holocaust and lost his mother at Auschwitz, also has Polish citizenship and can travel safely to the country where he spent most of his childhood. But, after that, it's not so clear.

Italy has a long track record of working closely with American authorities and would likely go along with

an American request to arrest Polanski. U.S.-Italian extradition problems have mainly centered on crimes that could entail the death penalty, which is irrelevant in Polanski's case. But that still means an appearance at the Venice Film Festival is probably out of the question.

Britain has an extradition treaty with the United States, and the Home Office says if there is a U.S. warrant out for Polanski's arrest and he was in the country, they would have to act on it. In 2005, Polanski successfully sued Vanity Fair magazine for libel in a London court, but could only testify by video from Paris.

Germany has a treaty with the U.S., too, but said Tuesday it wouldn't extradite Polanski. Justice Ministry spokesman Ulrich Staudigl told the AP that Polanski isn't on a German wanted list and can continue to travel to the country. Officials in Austria also showed lenience, saying he was free to come and go without a specific request for his arrest.

That had been the case in Switzerland, where Polanski traveled for years after his

flight from U.S. justice, only to be arrested in September as he arrived in Zurich to receive an award at a film festival. Now, his safety has been legally guaranteed by the Swiss government.

"The decision has been taken and the file is closed," Swiss Justice Ministry spokesman Guido Balmer told The AP. "It would only be a different situation if it concerned a new crime." Balmer said Polanski could even seek compensation for the two months he spent in prison and the seven months he was confined to his luxury chalet in the Swiss Alps.

Polanski was accused of plying his victim with champagne and part of a Quaalude during a 1977 modeling shoot and raping her. He was initially indicted on six felony counts, including rape by use of drugs, child molesting and sodomy, but pleaded guilty to one count of unlawful sexual intercourse.

In exchange, a Los Angeles judge agreed to drop the remaining charges and sentence him to prison for a 90-day psychiatric evaluation. He was released after 42 days by an evaluator who deemed him mentally sound and unlikely to offend again, but the judge threatened further sanctions and Polanski fled the United States.

The Swiss government said its decision to reject extradition was partly based on U.S. authorities' failure to turn over transcripts of secret testimony given by the attorney who originally handled the director's case. The testimony "should prove" that Polanski already served his sentence with the court-ordered diagnostic study, the Swiss Justice Ministry said.

Justice officials in Los Angeles and Washington decried the decision, and vowed to continue barring Polanski from the United States. L.A. prosecutors also said Polanski needed to return in person if he wanted to argue that his case was mishandled.

There was little fear the Swiss decision could dam-

age Swiss-U.S. cooperation. Bilateral relations soured after a tax scandal involving wealthy Americans hiding money in the biggest Swiss bank, UBS AG, but improved with Switzerland's approval of a settlement to the dispute and its acceptance of three prisoners for resettlement from the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay.

But in a country long known for the low tax rates it offers the super-wealthy, many here were left with the impression that Polanski's case showed how the rich and famous enjoy special privileges in Switzerland.

"If the main character in this drama hadn't been Roman Polanski, but an unknown amateur actor, he would now be standing before a U.S. court," the daily Neue Luzerner Zeitung said in an opinion piece.

The main issue appeared to be how the Swiss government expanded its focus beyond the formalities of the American extradition request to pass judgment on allegations of misconduct by Los Angeles authorities.

"This was an admission that when higher interests are at stake, not everyone is equal before the law," wrote the widely respected Neue Zürcher Zeitung newspaper. "Some are a bit more equal." Another Zurich paper, the Tages-Anzeiger, called the Swiss decision "shaky."

"It breaks with the tradition of only examining the formal correctness of extradition requests," it said. "Perhaps the new practice will in the future also benefit detainees who have less of a lobby than the world-famous director."

Polanski's future plans are unclear, but people close to the filmmaker have said he was looking into directing a movie version of the Broadway show "God of Carnage." And he may just turn up this weekend at Switzerland's Montreux Jazz Festival, where his wife, French singer Emmanuelle Seigner, is scheduled to perform Saturday.

BUSINESS

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Deutsche Bank taps Mayer head of NA global markets

Deutsche Bank AG on Tuesday named industry veteran Jeffrey Mayer as its head of global markets for North America. Mayer will manage the investment bank's regional sales and trading business, and will be based in New York.

He is replacing Fred Brettschneider, who is leaving the bank to start a hedge fund.

Most recently, Mayer was the executive chairman of fixed income, currencies and commodities and head of complex structured products at UBS. He spent 19 years at the former Bear Stearns.

Separately, Deutsche Bank said it is expanding its equity capital markets platform, and named three industry veterans to its new ECM Execution Group. The group will oversee franchise business.

Jay Coleman will serve as managing director and head of equity capital markets execution, Americas.

Coleman most recently was global head of equity capital markets execution for Barclays Bank/Lehman Brothers and previously worked at Morgan Stanley.

Mark Schwartz was named managing director for the group. Ben Marsh will serve as director, respectively. Both are also veterans of Barclays/Lehman.

In afternoon trading, Deutsche Bank's U.S. shares rose \$1.88, or 3 percent, to \$64.12.

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The owner of the Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and KFC fast-food restaurant brands said Tuesday that its second-quarter profit fell slightly because a one-time gain a year ago outpaced its revenue growth.

Yum Brands Inc. gave an upbeat forecast, citing ballooning growth in China, and raised its full-year outlook. But its shares fell in aftermarket trading when investors saw revenue was flat at Yum restaurants in the U.S. that have been open at least a year. There were "some whisper expectations" of higher sales at established restaurants in China, said Larry Miller, a restaurant analyst with RBC Capital Markets. The market's tepid reaction also might reflect disappointment in the company upgrading its full-year earnings projection by just 4 cents per share, from

\$2.39 to \$2.43, he said.

Still, Miller said it was basically an "all-around good quarter" for the company. Analysts were expecting \$2.42 per share for the current fiscal year.

Louisville-based Yum said it earned \$286 million, or 59 cents per share, for the three months that ended June 12. That compares with \$303 million, or 63 cents per share, a year earlier — when it recorded a \$68 million one-time gain for increasing and consolidating its stake in its KFC business in Shanghai in China.

Excluding such one-time items from both quarters, the company earned 58 cents per share for this year's second quarter, compared with 50 cents per share a year earlier. Analysts expected the company to earn 54 cents per share in the most recent quarter on revenue of \$2.54 billion.

Intel posts 'best quarter' ever



Intel blew past the expectations of Wall Street analysts on Tuesday as the world's biggest computer chipmaker posted what it said was its best quarter ever. The Santa Clara, California-based technology bellwether reported a second-quarter net profit of 2.9 billion dollars compared to a loss of 398 million dollars during the same quarter a year ago.

Revenue was up 34 percent over a year ago to 10.8 billion dollars, better than the 10.25 billion dollars forecast by analysts and Intel's own prediction three months ago of between 9.8 billion dollars and 10.6 billion dollars.

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Woods going for more history at home of golf

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AP Golf Writer

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland

(AP) — From the middle of the ninth fairway, just to the right of a pot bunker that he managed to avoid, Tiger Woods considered two options from 85 yards into a gentle breeze and executed both of them perfectly. He gave a hard rap with his new putter and sent the ball bouncing along the links of St. Andrews until it rolled onto the green and settled 12 feet left of the flag. Then with a sand wedge, Woods sent the ball into the air with just the right trajectory. It never left the flag and stopped about 6 feet away. The sand wedge was the safer shot, and the right one for this day. "But it depends on the wind," Woods said later during his practice round at the British Open. "If the wind is blowing hard, you can't hit it in the air. You have to putt it." For Woods, the key to the British Open always has been about control. This year, that holds true on and off the golf course. His biggest test Tuesday came not from the gorse bushes and pot bunkers that dot the landscape on the Old Course, but from a full house of reporters who wanted to know as much about his personal life as how he plans to play the Road Hole. Unlike his last big press conference at a major, he didn't lose his cool. Asked about his marriage at the U.S. Open, he snapped back, "That's



Tiger Woods of the U.S. reacts on the 17th hole during a practice round on the Old Course at St Andrews, Scotland, prior to the British Open Golf Championship, Tuesday, July 13, 2010.

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none of your business." Asked on Tuesday if his divorce is final, Woods calmly said, "I'm not going to go into that." He did reveal details of a breakup — with his putter. Woods is changing the flat stick for the first time in 12 years, going to a Nike model that he says will allow him to cope with greens that are on the slow side. One reporter grilled him on his language, his spitting, throwing clubs and his tantrums on the golf course, then asked if he had any plans to be respectful at the home of golf. "I'm trying to become a better player and a better person, yes," Woods replied. Of the 34 questions he fielded, only 16 of them were related to his game, the claret jug and St. Andrews. Then again, Woods already

has answered plenty of questions about winning an Open at the home of golf. The way he has played the last two times at St. Andrews, it looks as though he owns the place. Woods captured his first claret jug in 2000 when he did not hit into a single bunker all week — talk about control — and won by eight shots with a record score to par of 19-under 269. He won by five shots when the Open returned to St. Andrews five years later. Now, he has a chance at even more history in a gray old town dripping with it. No one has ever won the claret jug three times at St. Andrews. Woods remains the betting favorite, and not even his biggest rivals dispute that he likely will be a factor. "I think he's going to play well here because he has

a lot of heart, he's got an incredible short game and he hits the ball a long ways," Phil Mickelson said. "His irons are as good as anybody's in the game, and I think the golf course ... he's obviously won on it twice. He has gutted out two fourth-place finishes in majors when he probably didn't have his best stuff, and this course sets up very well for him. "So he will be in contention on Sunday," Mickelson said. "I don't know how anybody can question that." Yet there remain so many questions. Woods caused a small stir last week when he flew to Ireland for a two-day charity event that ended Tuesday, and instead of sticking around to get adjusted to links golf, flew home to Florida to spend time with his children.

Five years ago when he last won the Open at St. Andrews, he had been married nine months. He now can barely escape a press conference without getting questions about the chaos in his personal life. His image is not what it once was, although Woods doesn't think that matters when he puts a tee in the ground. "I'm here to play a championship, and this is the Open Championship at St. Andrews," he said. "I mean, this is as good as it gets. It's the home of golf. I'm just like every other player in this field.... I would like to win no matter what." His game is about as predictable as the weather in these parts, and that could be anything. Woods contended at the Masters and the U.S. Open, tying for fourth in both those majors. He hasn't finished in the top 10 in the four regular PGA Tour events he has played, and didn't even finish two of them. And he has never gone this deep into a season without winning. "I understand how to play this golf course," Woods said. "It's a matter of going out there and putting it together, and putting it together at the right time." The list of contenders is greater than ever, even at St. Andrews. Mickelson has played the majors even better than Woods, winning the Masters and tying for fourth in the U.S. Open.

David Ortiz wins HR Derby with 11-homer final

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer
ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Boston slugger David Ortiz won his first Home Run Derby title Monday, hitting 11 homers in the final round to beat Florida's Hanley Ramirez at Angel Stadium. 'Big Papi' added another highlight to his resurgent season with a relentless series of drives into the elevated stands above the right-field wall. Ortiz hit 21 homers in the first two rounds of his fourth derby before holding off Ramirez and beating a field missing most of the majors' top power hitters in

this annual event preceding the All-Star game. Ortiz dedicated his performance to former major league pitcher Jose Lima, a fellow Dominican Republic native who died in May after paramedics found him in cardiac arrest at his Southern California home. "I wanted to come here and make sure the fans enjoy what we do," Ortiz said. Ramirez matched Ortiz's 21 homers in the first two rounds, pulling most of his shots over the left-field wall. But Ortiz became just the second slugger to reach double digits in the final round, while Ramirez managed only five.

Milwaukee's Corey Hart and Detroit slugger Miguel Cabrera were eliminated in the second round, with Hart failing to connect after hitting 13 in the opening round. Ortiz hit 13 in the second round, including nine in his first 12 swings. With Yankees bench coach Tony Pena feeding fastballs, Ortiz won his first derby appearance since 2006. He reached the semifinals that year and in 2005. He hadn't been back in the field since — and Ortiz's entire career was on the skids after he struggled in 2009 and again in April. Boston's beloved slugger is back on his game with 18 homers and 57 RBIs this season, earning his sixth All-Star berth. The derby field at Angel Stadium featured five first-time competitors and no returning champions.



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JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press Writer

SAINT-JEAN-DE-MAURIENNE, France (AP) — Andy Schleck of Luxembourg captured the overall lead at the Tour de France at the end of a mountainous ninth stage won by French rider Sandy Casar on Tuesday.

Schleck took the yellow jersey from Australia's Ca-

del Evans, who wore it for only one day, after finishing seventh in the stage, two seconds behind Casar and alongside two-time Tour winner Alberto Contador. Evans was dropped on the fabled Madeleine pass and lost more than 8 minutes on Schleck and Contador. Casar led a sprint among seven breakaway riders at the finish of the 204.5-kilo-

meter (127-mile) trek from Morzine to Saint-Jean-La-Maurienne — the second and final day in the Alps containing three tough climbs.

The Francaise des Jeux rider collected his third career stage win at the Tour, blazing ahead of Luis-Leon Sanchez in second and Damiano Cunego in third — all three riders clocking 5 hours, 38 minutes, 10 seconds.

"It's pure happiness," the 31-year-old Casar said. "I wanted it so much it couldn't have happened any other way."

Contador and Schleck trailed two seconds back, setting the stage for a two-man fight for the title. Schleck leads his Spanish rival by 41 seconds, while Spain's Samuel Sanchez — who finished 8th, 52 seconds back — jumped to third and trails the leader by 2:45.

For a while, it looked like Luis Leon Sanchez, who entered the day in 20th place — 5:03 back of Evans — might take the yellow jersey.

The Caisse d'Epargne leader was among 12 cyclists who broke away and had a lead of roughly 6½ minutes on the pack about two-thirds of the way through the stage — but before the Madeleine.

That was when Schleck and Contador engaged in a dramatic duel about midway through the punishing climb, with the Luxembourg rider attacking on several occasions — but unable to shake the Spaniard.

At the top of the Madeleine, with a long descent ahead, Contador, Schleck and Samuel Sanchez trailed about 2:10 back of a small group of breakaway riders. By the foot, they trailed by only about 1:40, and con-

tinued to gain on the escapees in the 13-kilometer flat to the finish.

It was a dazzling display of acceleration.

"I think he and I are a little above the others," Schleck said of Contador.

"I didn't put time on Contador, but he couldn't drop me either."

Evans finished 8 minutes, 9 seconds back from Casar, in 42nd place. The two-time Tour runner-up broke down after the finish, burying his head in the hug of a BMC Racing teammate and sobbing.

Evans said he felt bad for his teammates and staffers: "Everyone who believed in me in this whole project — you know, everything was going so good — I'm just so sorry to let them all down," he said.

After the stage, team doctor Max Testa said Evans was riding with a "small but very painful" fracture on his elbow after crashing early in the eighth stage on Sunday — when he captured the coveted yellow shirt. He said Evans' teammates didn't know about his fracture on Monday and BMC staff didn't tell them so as not to disrupt "the morale of the team."

Seven-time champion Lance Armstrong fared relatively well as many other riders dropped off the title contenders on the Madeleine — one of the toughest climbs in cycling. The United States rider finished 18th, 2:50 behind Casar. Armstrong rose in the standings to 31st, from 39th, but lost time in the overall title chase.

He's now 15:54 behind Schleck.

The peloton faces three medium- to high-level ascents in Wednesday's 10th stage, a 179-kilometer ride from Chambery to Gap. The race ends on July 25 in Paris.

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Dutch celebrate second place in World Cup

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press Writer

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of fans lined Amsterdam's web of canals to cheer the World Cup runner-up Netherlands as the team cruised the waterways, swigging beer and blowing vuvuzelas, in an open-top boat on Tuesday.

Looking to have finally shaken off the disappointment of the team's third second-place World Cup finish, the players drank beer and waved at fans as orange streamers, fired from cannons along the canal, drifted over them.

Midfielder Rafael van der Vaart sprayed fans with beer, while defender Edson Braafheid caught a bottle of beer tossed to him by a fan and started drinking from it. Players had to regularly duck as their boat cruised under low bridges.

"I expected some people to come, but this is unbelievable," coach Bert van Marwijk said. "Can you imagine what it would have been like if we'd won?"

Scores of small boats, most of them pumping out loud music and packed with dancing revelers, followed the official flotilla.

In front of about 100,000 fans at the central Museum Square, winger Arjen Robben said: "Spain may have won the World Cup, but we have the best supporters in the world."

Before the team boat arrived, several fans leaped into the murky waters of the Brouwersgracht canal cheered by hoards of orange-clad, flag-waving supporters—despite warnings from authorities that swimming in the canals could expose them to anything from E. coli bacteria to sunken bicycles and shopping carts.

"It's a bit much, consider-



Members of the Dutch national soccer team greet the crowd during a celebration at a canal parade across the canal system of downtown Amsterdam, Netherlands, Tuesday, July 13, 2010. Netherlands placed second in the soccer World Cup in South Africa after losing the final to Spain on Sunday.

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ing we lost," said Loes Olden, who was sipping a glass of white wine at the water's edge at a table decked in an orange tarp, two ornate candle sticks and a bowl of oranges. "It's over the top, but we're enjoying it."

Houses along the canals were draped in flags and some had giant footballs hanging from their facades. Earlier, the team was honored by Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende at the start of a hectic day of celebrations.

Under bunches of orange balloons, Van Marwijk and retiring captain Giovanni van Bronckhorst were given the honorary title of "Knight in the Order of Oranje Nassau" at a reception in front of Balkenende's official Catshuis residence. The team then was driven by coach to meet Queen Beatrix at her Noordeinde Palace in The Hague before an Air Force helicopter whisked the team to Amsterdam for its boat tour and an open-air party at Museum Square, where fans had watched the action

from South Africa on giant screens throughout the tournament.

Amsterdam police tweeted that 500,000 people had descended on the city to celebrate the Netherlands' best World Cup finish since 1978.

There were no immediate reports of any problems among the fans, who quickly dispersed from the canals after the team boat had passed.

Orange-clad supporters began pouring into the grassy square, flanked on two sides by the Rijksmuseum and Van Gogh Museum, hours before the party's scheduled 5 p.m. start.

Security staff were posted next to a handful of house boats along the route in an effort to prevent fans clambering onto their roofs. When the Netherlands won its only international title, the 1988 European Championship, several house boats were badly damaged and a few sank amid wild scenes of jubilation.

The Dutch lost 1-0 in extra time to Spain in Sunday's

pleased with the team's second place, he was critical of its style of play. Van Marwijk ditched the trademark Dutch flowing, attacking style known the world over as "total football" and replaced it with patient passing and uncompromising tackling he calls "result football."

"It was not really Dutch, but it was efficient," Nuitermans said. "The final was not exactly charming. It was pretty ugly at times."

Eight Dutchmen were booked and defender John Heitinga was sent off in an ill-tempered final in Johannesburg, where five Spain players were also booked.

Robben said his missed chance on the hour mark was still haunting him.

The Bayern Munich star had only Iker Casillas to beat, but the Spain goalkeeper deflected Robben's shot wide with his outstretched foot.

"You want nothing more than to score that goal. It was a big chance," he said. "It hurts to miss a chance like that."

As he sang and danced in front of the huge orange crowd of adoring fans in Amsterdam, the pain appeared to be easing.

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Yankees owner George Steinbrenner dies at 80

RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — George Steinbrenner, who rebuilt the New York Yankees into a sports empire with a mix of bluster and big bucks that polarized fans all across America, died on Tuesday. He had just celebrated his 80th birthday on July 4.

Steinbrenner had a heart attack and was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa, Florida, where he died, a person close to the owner told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the team had not disclosed those details.

His death was the second in three days to rock the Yankees. Bob Sheppard, the team's revered public address announcer from 1951-07, died Sunday at 99.

For more than 30 years, Steinbrenner lived up to his billing as "the Boss," a nickname he earned and clearly enjoyed as he ruled with an iron fist.

He was known for feuds, clashing with Yankees great Yogi Berra, and hiring manager Billy Martin five times while repeatedly clashing with him. But as his health declined, Steinbrenner let sons Hal and Hank run more of the family business.

Steinbrenner was in fragile health for years, resulting in fewer public appearances and pronouncements. Yet dressed in his trademark navy blue blazer and white turtleneck, he was the model of success: The Yankees won seven World Series and 11 American League titles after his reign began in 1973.

Until the end, Steinbrenner demanded championships. He criticized Joe Torre during the 2007 playoffs, then let the popular manager



This Feb. 17, 2003, file photo shows New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner waving to fans in Tampa, Fla. Steinbrenner, who rebuilt the New York Yankees into a sports empire with a mix of bluster and big bucks that polarized fans all across America, died Tuesday, July 13, 2010, in Tampa, Fla. He had just celebrated his 80th birthday July 4.

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leave after another loss in the opening round. The team responded last year by winning another title.

In recent times, Steinbrenner let sons Hal and Hank run more of the family business. Still, the former college football coach took umbrage when others questioned his fitness.

"No, I did not have a stroke. I am not ill. I work out daily," Steinbrenner said in 2006. "I'd like to see people who are saying that to come down here and do the workout that I do."

When Steinbrenner headed a group that bought the team on Jan. 3, 1973, he promised absentee ownership. But it didn't turn out that way.

Steinbrenner not only clashed with Berra for more than a decade but paid to dig up dirt on Dave Winfield, deriding the future Hall of Famer as "Mr. May" in 1985 after poor performances.

While he liked to appear

stern, Steinbrenner could poke fun at himself. He hosted "Saturday Night Live," clowned with Martin in a commercial, and chuckled at his impersonation on "Seinfeld."

He gave millions to charity, often with one stipulation, that no one be told who made the donation.

The Yankees paid off for him, too, with their value increasing more than 100-fold from the \$8.7 million net price his group paid in January 1973. He freely spent his money, shelling out huge amounts for Derek Jeter, Reggie Jackson, Alex Rodriguez, Torre and others in hopes of yet another title.

"Winning is the most important thing in my life, after breathing," Steinbrenner was fond of saying. "Breathing first, winning next."

One of the most recognized team owners in American history, Steinbrenner's sporting interests extended

toees and Steinbrenner were synonymous.

His fans applauded his win-at-all-costs style. His detractors blamed him for spiraling salaries and wrecking Major League Baseball's competitive balance.

Steinbrenner never managed a game, as Ted Turner once did when he owned the Atlanta Braves, but he controlled everything else. When he thought the club's parking lot was too crowded, Steinbrenner stood on the pavement — albeit behind a van, out of sight — and had a guard personally check every driver's credential.

Steinbrenner made no apologies for bombast and behavior, even when it cost him dearly.

He served two long suspensions: He was banned for 2½ years for paying self-described gambler Howie Spira to dig up negative information about Winfield, and for 15 months following a guilty plea in federal court for conspiring to make illegal campaign contributions during the Watergate era.

"I haven't always done a good job, and I haven't always been successful," Steinbrenner said in 2005. "But I know that I have tried."

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Venezuela upset with Dutch military



Venezuela protested on Tuesday at what it said were three illegal flights this month by a Dutch military plane in the Latin American nation's airspace.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez accused the Netherlands last year of planning "aggression" against Venezuela by letting U.S. forces be based on Dutch islands off its Caribbean coast. Chavez says the self-governing Dutch islands are in Venezuelan territorial waters and that the Netherlands had been complicit in allowing Washington to use bases on them for spy flights targeting his OPEC country.

The Dutch government has said the presence of about 250 U.S. personnel on Curacao and Aruba was for counter narcotics and surveillance operations over Caribbean smuggling routes.

Several other small Caribbean islands are also part of the Dutch Antilles.

Chavez's government said the Dutch military flights had been detected between July 4 and July 7 by Venezuelan surveillance and air defense systems, "despite the aircraft using techniques to conceal its position and identification."

"The Venezuelan government condemns these provocations, which are absolutely contrary to the spirit of good neighbors that should prevail between two border nations, and erode trust between our two countries," it said in a statement. The Netherlands should take "necessary measures" to bilateral relations were not hurt, it added. Dutch officials in Caracas could not immediately be reached.

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today in honor of the French National Day. This evening the members of the Alliance Française will enjoy a special menu to launch the French spirit for tonight. Bastille Day is the French national holiday which is celebrated on 14 July each year. In France, it is formally called La Fête Nationale (National Celebration) and commonly le quatorze juillet (the fourteenth of July). It commemorates the 1790 Fête de la Fédération, held on the first anniversary of the storming of the Bastille on 14 July 1789; the anniversary of the storming of the Bastille fortress-prison was seen as a symbol of the



uprising of the modern nation, and of the reconciliation of all the French inside the constitutional monarchy which preceded the First Republic, during the

French Revolution. Festivities are held on the morning of 14 July, on the Champs-Élysées avenue in Paris in front of the President of the Republic.

Aruba Tourism Authority honors Goodwill Ambassadors



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Szymanski family loves Aruba's underwater world

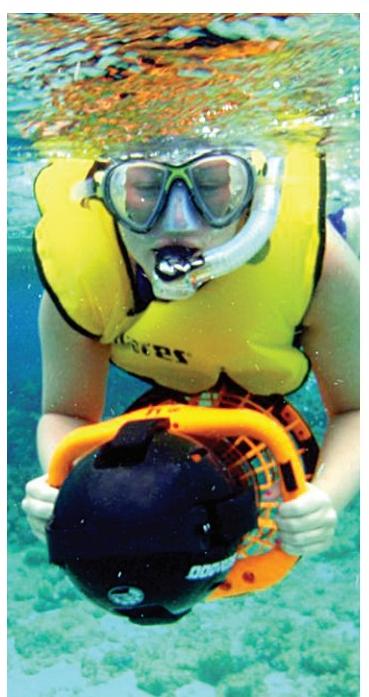


PALM BEACH - The Szymanski family and a friend are here on Aruba for their second time and staying at the Marriott's Surf Club. They are having a great time. They are in their 20's and are school friends from Freehold, NJ. The group went snorkeling with Kent Gerber who is on the Island for his 20th time and loves to take his friends snorkeling. Kent is winding down his months stay and he is currently staying at Club Arias where it is quiet and very close to his snorkel spots. Club Arias has Pasta on Monday nights, Pizza on Wednesday nights and wings

on Friday nights from 7 to 9 and is open to the public.

The Szymanski family plan to return to Aruba in the future. Recently the minister of tourism of Aruba mentioned during a press conference the implementation of an Aruba Marine Park. According to the minister the plans regarding the implementation of the Aruba Marine Park are very advanced and a presentation has been done already to the council of ministers.

Implementing an Aruba Marine Park will help to rebuild fish and seafood stocks, maintain biological productivity, and support sustainable marine fisheries. A marine park can be a very versatile management tool that can be used to help conserve



marine natural and cultural resources and it can be an integral part of an ecosystem approach to management.



Curaçao Faces Friction With Chávez Over U.S. Planes

HATO, Curaçao — This small island in the Netherlands Antilles might go unnoticed by its neighbors if not for the importance of the foreign interests it hosts: an American Air Force installation pivotal in fighting the region's drug trade and a huge refinery that turns Venezuelan oil into gasoline. Chafing at the American

military outpost just 40 miles from Venezuela's coast, President Hugo Chávez is testing Curaçao's nerves by repeatedly claiming that the Dutch government, which oversees defense issues here, is letting Washington use Curaçao as a base for planning a possible attack on Venezuela. The assertions come just

months before Curaçao, which has relied for centuries on trade with Venezuela, will gain greater autonomy from the kingdom of the Netherlands when the Netherlands Antilles is dissolved as a unified political entity this fall. The Dutch will continue to oversee aspects of Curaçao's foreign policy, though a vocal minority



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here favors full independence, and Mr. Chávez's talk could stoke that thinking. "When you are small, you have to be wise, and when the big ones are in a quarrel, small countries have to stay out of that," said Helmin Wiels, 51, the leader of Pueblo Soberano, a leftist party here that wants to expel the American surveillance planes. But for now, the breakup of the Netherlands Antilles is expected to be a largely uneventful political reorganization in which the Netherlands will maintain its control of defense and

foreign-relations issues for all the islands involved, including continuing to allow the American aircraft to be based at Curaçao's airport. The planes have used the airport since an agreement was signed in 2000. The agreement will expire this year, and the Dutch have said they plan to approve a five-year extension. Lt. Col. Brian Bell, who commands the American outpost, said in an interview, "Curaçao is strategically located near major trafficking corridors, which is one of the reasons why we'd like to remain here."



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PALM BEACH -- Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort introduced Sigifredo Castano as Sales Representative for May 2010. Sigifredo reports that his guests coming for a tour of the brand new beach resort are always impressed by what they see. And they mostly love what they don't get, he explains, as the resort is not crowded, the beach is not busy, the water isn't deep, and the sand isn't rocky. "We tour them in our postcard," he remarks, "and they want to stay forever, on their swim-up bar-stool, or in their hammock, under the coconut trees."

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For more than 20 years, these friends who met in Aruba, meet up each year at the Aruba Beach Club to enjoy their vacations together.

When asked what they like most about Aruba, they chime in about the wonderful people, beautiful beaches, turquoise waters, and the never-ending entertainment. They each spend 4 weeks a year on Aruba and last week they held a beach party in which they invited 150 friends who have all met one another here on Aruba.

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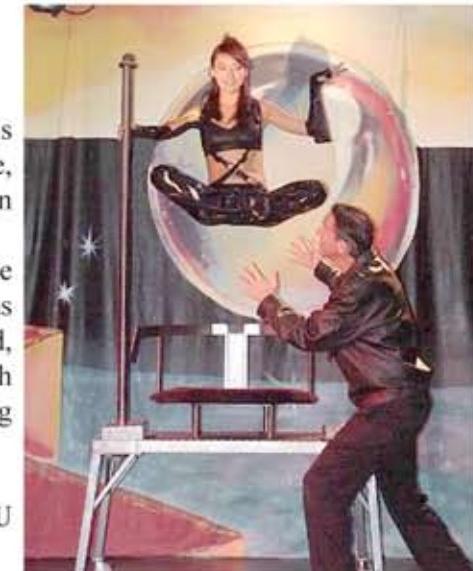
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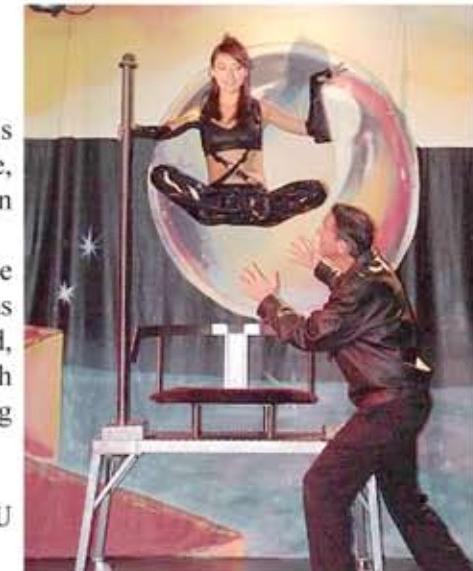
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Coral Reefs, why should you care?



and Stag Horn coral is dead and gone. Currently, coastal development and land based sources of pollution threatens 35% of the reefs, while 60% of reefs are being damaged by over-fishing. Coral reefs worldwide yield a total food value of over US\$100 billion per year not because it's the primary source of protein for over 1 billion people but there is also an extreme demand for sea food.

Coral reefs provide vital ecosystem but only a very tiny portion of the sea bottom is covered by coral reefs. Reefs house or are nursery grounds for over one million marine species. Corals are part of cancer medication research, which focuses on marine organisms living on the reef, coral is used as an alternative in bone replacement treatments, bio-fuel is developed by using algae and the balance of fish and coral provides resources, which are part of the Aruba tourism product.

Aruba's main source of income has been tourism since the early 1960's but strange as it may sound, very little has been done in general to protect the tourism product, in particular the aquatic tourism part.

Many tourists come to Aruba or return every year to enjoy the crystal blue waters and the marine resources, which includes the coral reefs.

The Caribbean reefs have suffered an 80% decline during the past three decades and 80 to 90% of Elkhorn

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Study: Many docs don't blow whistle on colleagues

Your doctor could be drunk, addicted to drugs or outright incompetent, but other physicians may not blow the whistle.

A new survey finds that many American physicians fail to report troubled colleagues to authorities, believing that someone else will take care of it, that nothing will happen if they act or that they could be targeted for retribution.

A surprising 17 percent of the doctors surveyed had direct, personal knowledge of an impaired or incompetent physician in their workplaces, said the study's lead author, Catherine DesRoches of Harvard Medical School.

One-third of those doctors had not reported the matter to authorities such as hospital officials or state medical boards. The findings, appearing in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, are based on a 2009 survey of 1,891 practicing US Doctors.

Reporting a problem doctor can trigger important changes. Twenty-one years ago, a colleague smelled alcohol on a young physician's breath and anonymously reported him to the head of the residency program. A now-sober Dr. A. Clark Gaither is grateful.

"I wish I knew who reported me," Gaither said. "I'd like to give them a big ol' hug and thank them for saving my life."

Programs exist for retraining doctors with weak skills and getting addicted ones into treatment. But the survey results suggest doctors are not confident in the system, DesRoches said.

The American Medical Association and other professional groups say doctors have an ethical obligation to make such reports. And many states require doctors to tell authorities about colleagues who endanger patients because of alcoholism, Drug Abuse or mental illness.

Despite that, many doctors do not know what to do or where to start, DesRoches said.

In an accompanying editorial, one ethics expert called the findings "jarring."

"I don't think there's any excuse for less than 100 percent of physicians holding true to these ideals," said Dr. Matthew Wynia, director of the AMA Institute for Ethics. He called for better protections for whistleblowers and more education for doctors on how to report a colleague.

The survey did not specify the type or severity of the impairment or incompetence, asking: "In the last three years, have you had direct, personal knowledge of a physician who was impaired or incompetent to practice medicine in your hospital, group, or practice?" Most states have programs that not only get doctors into treatment but also advise their colleagues how to intervene. Most will keep reports anonymous. Some use the threat of medical board sanction to persuade doctors to go to rehab.

For Gaither, the first confrontation with concerned colleagues was in medical school. He reassured his fellow students he was fine. Even the second confrontation, from the program head who had heard the report of Gaither's alcohol-scented breath, did not take. Gaither signed a contract promising to stay sober, go to Alcoholics Anonymos meetings and submit to testing.

"I went home and drank that night," he said. "I was thinking with an addicted brain, and I was an alcoholic."

Finally, a third confrontation and the temporary loss of his training license forced Gaither into what he calls "a state of surrender." With help from the North Carolina Physicians Health Program, he got into a residential rehab program.

His last drink was Jan. 21, 1990. Gaither, now 55, finished his residency and became a family doctor. He practices in Goldsboro, N.C., where he started a free mobile clinic for the uninsured.

In 2002, the North Carolina



Academy of Family Physicians named him Physician of the Year. He thanked AA and all the colleagues who confronted him and supported him in his acceptance speech.

He now urges others to report what they know. "It is our duty," he said.

Dr. Warren Pendegast runs the North Carolina program, which cooperates with the state medical society and state

disciplinary board. About 200 doctors a year are referred for alcoholism, drug addictions, anger-management problems and depression.

Ninety percent of addicted doctors who've been through the program remain clean and sober five years after treatment, Pendegast said.

"They're motivated. They have a lot to lose," he said. Their reputations and careers

depend on their participation in treatment. Colleagues of troubled doctors "can feel comfortable getting peers help rather than sticking their head in the sand," he said. Gaither, who speaks publicly about the program, said doctors worry that their troubled colleagues will lose their licenses and livelihoods if reported.

Therapies for the Female Journey

By: Dr Carlos Viana

Starting with her first menstrual bleeding, called 'menarche'; a young woman starts a journey where her body is greatly affected by hormones. In many cultures, both through social and medical perspectives it is often considered the central event of female puberty, as it signals the possibility of fecundity. The journey, however, may be burdened with problems which I see daily in our clinic. Most women understand the importance of having a normal menstrual flow about every twenty-eight days. Well informed women know there are healthy ways to support the reproductive system. Women with healthy hormone activity will be able to start a family, when the time is right. Having healthy childbearing years, also support health later in life.

Along the journey, especially when overindulging on sweets and simple carbohydrates many women may develop a problem with vaginal Yeast infections. Later in the female hormone cycle, before menopause sets in, almost 70% of women experience some unpleasant symptoms. Thankfully, there are natural therapies that can help women make their journey a bit easier.

Menstrual regulation, pre menstrual symptoms (PMS) and menopause symptoms show improvement in our clinic when treated with acupuncture. The World Health Organization also lists relief from many symptoms of pregnancy and childbirth through acupuncture.

Herbs are another gift from nature used successfully in many cultures throughout time that assist with unbalanced hormones. Herbs that strengthen the female reproductive system include DONG QUAI and GINGER. Dong Quai has been used for centuries in Traditional

Chinese Medicine (TCM) as a womb tonic, antispasmodic, mild laxative, and blood purifier and to stimulate menstruations. Herbs that stimulate and promote normal menstrual flow are generally not to be used during pregnancy.

If menstruations become too heavy Ginger warms the energy channels and stops bleeding. GINGER soothes the stomach and lessens nausea. Billions of people use GINGER every day as both food and medicine.

Fertility refers the actual production of offspring, rather than the physical capability to produce which is termed fecundity. Throughout the ages wise women have known which herbs can increase a woman's ability to get pregnant. When taken properly fertility herbs have a proven track record of giving women nearly a 25% increase in fertility. Native Americans have used this herb for female health for many years. Proven as an aid for infertility, BLACK COHOSH is also used for treating uterine fibroids.

DONG QUAI is also traditionally valued as a very effective fertility promoter. For best results, I suggest using this during the days between ovulation and menstruation only. Check with a trained Herbalist, Naturopath, Traditional Chinese Medical doctor or Clinical Nutritionist for safe, correct use.. RED CLOVER BLOSSOMS's high vitamin content is very valuable to the uterus and its high protein content benefits the whole body. It's also quite high in calcium & magnesium which relax the nervous system and help promote fertility. This herb also contains nearly every trace mineral needed by the glands. Daily use can help balance hormonal functioning.

For conditions affecting women's health, such as breast pain associated with the menstrual

cycle, menopausal symptoms, and premenstrual syndrome EVENING PRIMROSE OIL can be used. Evening primrose oil contains gamma-linolenic acid (GLA), an essential fatty acid. Essential fatty acids are required by the body for growth and development, and must be obtained from the diet.

Herbal Remedies for Yeast Infections include GARLIC and OLIVE LEAF. Garlic's antibacterial and antimicrobial properties make it useful in treating bladder and kidney infections, yeast infections, strep throats and ear infections. It is an effective remedy against bacterial, fungal, viral and parasitic infections, and Candida albicans that produces vaginal discharges.

OLIVE LEAF extract is a broad-spectrum antimicrobial agent. The leaves contain an active compound called oleuropein, which has been shown to have an impact against infectious and virulent microbes. A powerful antiviral, olive leaf is said to be effective against even antibiotic resistant bacteria, yeast strains and fungi.

Balancing and regulating hormones that start going crazy before menopause, BLACK COHOSH is still valued by women today to help in the balancing of hormones and has been shown to be useful in treating stress-related symptoms of PMS and menopause.

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Typical menopause symptoms, such as hot flashes or night sweats, are caused by



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you choose the right therapy or herb to support your female (or male) journey.

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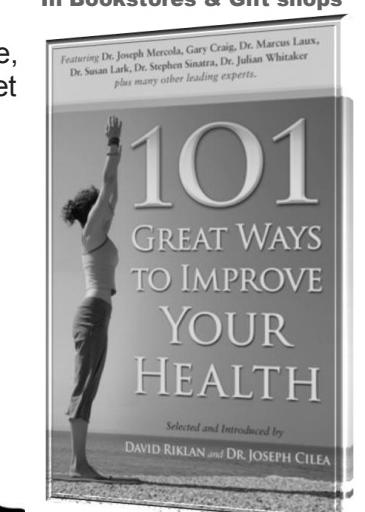


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Financial reform bill, a look inside the sausage

If one's grasp of history can deter a repeat of it, then a nutshell review of the 2007-09 financial crisis is now needed as Congress nears passage of a massive Wall Street reform bill.

The crisis grew out of a ramp up of federal support for mortgages to home buyers who were either unworthy to take on big debt or unaware of their loan's details. These shaky purchases helped create a housing bubble, while the iffy mortgages were snatched up blindly by Wall Street investors. The risks were magnified by shoddy practices in credit-rating firms, the derivatives industry, and banks. When the bubble burst, Washington didn't have enough tools to prevent the

fallout.

Now, more than a year later, a 2,319-page bill known as the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act aims to prevent a repeat of this worst economic disaster since the Depression. And just in case the remedies don't work, the bill makes it easier for government to clean up future financial messes. If passed, as expected, it faces a long highway of implementation with potential offramps for its most difficult provisions.

Congress, for instance, leaves dozens of the toughest decisions up to regulators, such as levels of compensation for bank officials, the types of proprietary investments that banks can pursue, the

determination of when a firm is too big to fail, or the amount of money that big firms must keep in reserve.

Granting such wide discretion to regulators may give them flexibility in responding to a crisis, but it also leaves them open to influence by lobbyists, as is often the case, or allows future presidents to weaken regulations.

The bill has no provision to guide regulators if American firms decide to take their business to other countries with fewer regulations. Without a global agreement on how to manage such companies across borders, the US stands to lose jobs and income.

The bill doesn't do much to improve how credit-rating agencies assess risky mortgages. It lacks needed reform of the two largest firms that bundle mortgages into securities, Fannie Mae

and Freddie Mac, both of which were guilty of lowering mortgage standards and which the government was forced to take over.

A new Consumer Financial Protection Agency would be charged to set standards on mortgages, as well as credit cards and payday loans (although auto dealers are exempt – a sign of the power of lobbies). But its authority isn't clear as it sits inside the Federal Reserve, whose main focus is inflation and banking stability.

Perhaps the strongest reform lies in the Financial Stability Oversight Council. This body would try to bridge the

interests of many regulatory agencies and see the financial landscape as a whole, preventing bubbles in any part of the economy. But its exact scope is left up to the appointed officials.

Second in importance to

the council is a requirement for transparency in the multibillion-dollar derivatives industry. This type of financial instrument, now conducted largely in secret between private parties, would be put on public exchanges. Bringing this shadowy practice into the light should help identify systemic risks in the economy.

Congress was under political pressure to rein in Wall Street's worst practices before this fall's election. And President Obama claims the reforms "can help prevent another financial crisis like the one that we're still recovering from."

But so much has been left hanging that voters will have to decide if lawmakers made the right choices. Taking the biggest risks out of financial markets cannot be easily done if so much of about this law still remains at risk.

West's Technical Might Is Undermined By Moral Weakness

The terrible trials of the post-Yugoslav wars of the 1990s never quite filtered down to the American people. Bosnia? Wasn't that a radical Muslim state? Serb militias cutting down everyone and everything in their way? Yes, but weren't those the same brave Serb fighters who fought with us against the Nazis in 1943?

The fact that the patterns of the Yugoslav wars laid the basis for Western responses to the end of the Cold War is still little realized in the U.S. But, of course, all that is now over, water long under the bridges of the Danube, the Bosna and the Neretva; so what can it matter?

The only problem is that, as stories out of the Balkans this week too well attest, neither the Balkans wars nor their lessons are over at all. Think for just a moment of the story of the "false wall" released this week in Belgrade and The Hague, and what it could mean to the future of Europe and the West.

As it happens, during a raid last February on the Belgrade home of Gen. Ratko Mladic -- the heavy-set, crude and brutish military head of the Bosnian Serbs during the wars from 1992 to 1995 in which at least 100,000 died -- Serbian police found a treasury of historical records. In a false wall they had not noticed before, they found 18 notebooks of his wartime military diaries, 120 sound recordings, cell phone cards, computer memory sticks and documents showing the close top-level coordination and complicity between Mladic's brutal Bosnian Serb army and the Serbian government and army during the conflicts.

Although the notes, written in bold Cyrillic script, the script of Slavic languages like Russian and Serbian, do not prove Mladic's infamous hand in the terrible murders of 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys in the infamous Srebrenica massacre, they show important connections between these Serb armies, connections they have always denied.

But as precious as these findings are to the six trials of alleged Serb war criminals now going on at the international war crimes tribunal in The Hague (which is also dying to get its hands on Mladic), at least equally interesting is how these items were found.

The Serb police had studied the architectural plans of Mladic's house and this time employed a "new device" provided by a "foreign government." It is a camera capable of looking through wood, bricks and even reinforced concrete! The details are presently unavailable, but the successful employment of this device provides us with a profound new lesson in the all-too-many "teachable moments" of the Balkan wars. Consider: The '90s wars in the Balkans went on and on, with human suffering that had begun to rival that of the Second World War, largely because of the responses of the West. It was not because the West and the U.N. did NOT act against the marauding Serbs; it was because they DID act, but in an absurdly counterproductive manner.

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A black and white promotional banner for Yap Yum Massage Service. The top left features the text "IN & OUT CALL FREE PICKUP" in large, bold, sans-serif font. To its right is a large, stylized "Yap Yum" logo with "Massage Service" written below it. The word "Yap" is in a larger, bolder font than "Yum". The "Y" in "Yap" has a starburst effect at its top. The "Y" in "Yum" also has a starburst effect. The "um" part is smaller. The background of the banner is a grayscale silhouette of two women facing each other, with starburst patterns around them. Below the main logo, the text "The First & Only Legal One on Aruba Since 1997" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. To the right of the main logo, the text "WE SERVICE MEN, WOMEN & COUPLES" is displayed in large, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, the text "We Guarantee Quality, Service & Reliability" is written in a smaller, italicized serif font. At the bottom, a large, bold, italicized phone number "call 565-9533" is centered. The bottom edge of the banner contains the website "http://www.yapyum.com" and the words "Yap Yum • Yap Yum • Yap Yum • Yap Yum • Yap Yum". The entire banner is framed by a thick black border.

The advertisement features a large, bold, stylized word 'SKY' in white and grey. To the right of 'SKY' is the text '24 Hours Service' above 'MASSAGE SERVICE'. Below 'SKY' is the slogan 'Experience one Happy Island the way you'll never forget'. A bulleted list follows: '• Beautiful girls • Serving man • Women • Couple' and '• Private Tour • Bachelors Party'. At the bottom left is the text 'Rapid Delivery'. On the right side, there are two small black and white photographs: one of a woman's face and another of a woman with long blonde hair.

An advertisement for Doll House. On the left, there are two black and white photographs of women. The woman on the left has blonde hair and is looking over her shoulder. The woman on the right has dark, curly hair and is smiling. To the right of the images, the word "Doll House" is written in a large, elegant, cursive font. Below it, the phone number "565-1808" is displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the text "The Largest Variety on the Island" is written. At the bottom right, the text "Delivery in 15 minute" is written.

The image is a black and white photograph of a woman's face and upper body. She has long dark hair and is looking directly at the viewer with a neutral to slightly pleasant expression. Her skin tone is light, and the lighting is soft, creating a romantic or intimate atmosphere. The background is dark and out of focus.

Primeros siete presos cubanos excarcelados llegaron a Madrid



Madrid (Reuters) - Los primeros siete presos políticos cubanos de un grupo de 52 que ofreció excarcelar el Gobierno de la isla caribeña llegaron el martes a España para emprender vida como exiliados, dentro de un acuerdo histórico entre La Habana y la Iglesia Católica.

Los siete, aparentemente con buen aspecto, arribaron junto con

familiares a bordo de dos aviones que aterrizaron en el aeropuerto madrileño de Barajas con un intervalo de una hora a primera hora de la tarde, según las primeras imágenes de televisión.

Cuba decidió la semana pasada poner en libertad a 52 reos de conciencia, en una medida aplaudida internacionalmente que hace entrever una mejoría en las relaciones con Estados Unidos y Europa, que reclaman al

Gobierno comunista de la isla un respeto a los derechos humanos.

El grupo de disidentes, Ricardo González Alfonso, Omar Ruiz Hernández, Antonio Villarreal Acosta, Julio César Gálvez, José Luis García Panque, Lester González Pentón y Pablo Pacheco, forma parte de los 20 que la Iglesia cubana dijo que aceptaron viajar a España, donde recibirán ayuda inicial como refugiados.

La excarcelación antes de octubre de 52 opositores, de un grupo de 75 condenados en 2003 a penas de entre 6 y 28 años por adversar al Gobierno, es una contundente victoria del insólito diálogo iniciado en mayo entre la Iglesia Católica y el Gobierno de La Habana.

UE, Brasil y Mozambique firmarán acuerdo de bioenergía

BRUSELAS (Reuters) - La Unión Europea y Brasil firmarán un acuerdo con Mozambique esta semana para desarrollar proyectos de biocombustibles y bioelectricidad en el país africano, dijeron el lunes funcionarios.

El acuerdo será firmado durante una cumbre de líderes europeos y brasileños en Brasilia el miércoles, agregaron. Impulsados por la creciente demanda de biocombustibles de la UE y los objetivos de expansión de producción de Brasil, el acuerdo con Mozambique es visto en Bruselas y Brasilia como un primer paso hacia una mayor cooperación en el desarrollo de proyectos de energía renovable en África. Según el acuerdo, la UE y Brasil iniciarán estudios sobre la mejor manera de desarrollar bioetanol, biodiésel y bioelectricidad en Mozambique, que se ha convertido en un importante productor de biocombustibles de África en los últimos años. "Este acuerdo será parte de una cooperación más amplia entre la Unión Europea y Brasil con África, que esperamos llevará a un acuerdo con la Unión Africana", dijo una autoridad de la UE.

El bloque europeo necesita de biocombustibles para cumplir su meta de abastecimiento del 20 por ciento de sus requerimientos energéticos a partir de fuentes renovables al 2020. Al unirse al líder mundial de bioetanol, Brasil, aceleraría la creación de un nuevo y más barato proveedor en África. A diferencia de bioetanol brasileño, que está sujeto a elevados aranceles de importación en las fronteras de la UE, los biocombustibles producidos en África estarían sujetos a impuestos mínimos.

Slim compra una mina de oro

MÉXICO, D.F. - Goldgroup Mining Inc vendió por 25 millones de dólares su mina de oro El Porvenir, ubicada en el estado de Aguascalientes, a Grupo Frisco, una subsidiaria de Grupo Carso, del empresario Carlos Slim.

A través de un comunicado, la empresa canadiense señala que los recursos de la venta serán utilizados para reforzar los proyectos que tiene en las minas Caballo Blanco, en Veracruz, y San José de Gracia, en Sinaloa.

Menciona que este es el tercer negocio importante que concreta el equipo de Goldgroup Mining Inc en los últimos meses.

El primero fue la compra de la mina Caballo Blanco y el segundo, la alianza entre la empresa y Goldgroup Resources Inc.

Ingrid Betancourt y ex rehén estadounidense Marc Gonsalves son pareja

Bogotá - "Eso es una pareja. Como ustedes (los colombianos) dicen siempre, ¿por qué hablamos paja? Eso es obvio para todo el mundo, ¿estamos ciegos aquí?", comentó el estadounidense Stansell en una entrevista con RCN Radio difundida ayer por varios medios de Colombia.

"Marc e Ingrid están juntos, y no tiene sentido hablar con Marc sobre eso", sostuvo Stansell al ser preguntado sobre si ha dialogado con Gonsalves acerca de la millonaria indemnización pedida por Betancourt al Estado colombiano por los perjuicios causados durante los más de seis años que estuvo cautiva. Betancourt, Stansell, Gonsalves y Thomas Howes, también estadounidense, pasaron

juntos gran parte del tiempo que permanecieron en poder de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC).

Ellos cuatro y 11 policías y militares colombianos fueron rescatados el 2 de julio de 2008 en la llamada Operación Jaque por militares que se hicieron pasar por miembros de una misión humanitaria y los liberaron sin disparar un solo tiro.

En un libro publicado en 2009 en el que narran cómo fue su cautiverio, Stansell y sobre todo Howes relatan los problemas de convivencia con Betancourt, de quien el segundo llegó a decir que es una persona "a la que le gusta controlar y manipular".

La ex candidata presidencial colombiana vuelve a estar de actualidad por la polémica acción de conciliación presentada contra el Estado colombiano para exigir unos 6,8 millones de dólares de indemnización por los fallos de



Ingrid Betancourt y el ex rehén estadounidense Marc Gonsalves son pareja, según Keith Stansell, que compartió con ambos gran parte del tiempo que los tres permanecieron secuestrados por las FARC en las selvas de Colombia.

seguridad que, a su juicio, propiciaron su secuestro.

Tras el aluvión de críticas que ha recibido, Betancourt precisó el domingo que no pretende demandar al Estado colombiano y que la cifra de la indemnización es "simbólica", aunque lo cierto es que no ha retirado la acción de conciliación.

La ex rehén, de nacionalidad colombiano-francesa, vive en París, donde prepara un libro sobre su experiencia en cautiverio, y regresó fugazmente a Colombia recientemente para participar en los actos de conmemoración del segundo aniversario de la Operación Jaque.

Vicky Peláez se plantea instalarse con su familia en Brasil y no en Perú



Peláez y su familia dudan sobre establecerse en Perú "debido a la cobertura mediática que ha habido allí y a las declaraciones del presidente Alan García. Sería difícil".

Nueva York (EFE) - La periodista peruana Vicky Peláez, expulsada de EEUU a Rusia tras verse involucrada en un caso de espionaje, se plantea instalarse en Brasil con su familia una vez pueda salir del país europeo, dijo su abogado, Carlos Moreno. "Antes de irse comentó que tenía planes de establecerse en Perú o en Brasil, pero parece que está más inclinada a hacerlo en Brasil", dijo a Efe el defensor, que junto a John Rodríguez la representó durante el proceso que siguió a su detención el pasado 27 de junio.

Peláez y su esposo formaron parte del grupo de diez personas que la Justicia de EEUU acusó de pertenecer a una red de espionaje en favor de Rusia y que el pasado viernes fueron expulsados a ese país, después de que Washington y Moscú

negociasen su intercambio por cuatro ciudadanos rusos condenados en la antigua URSS por trabajar para los servicios secretos estadounidenses y británicos. Las autoridades rusas concedieron a la periodista peruana una manutención mensual de 2.000 dólares, casa y visados para sus hijos. El abogado defensor también explicó que la periodista, que durante más de una década escribió para el diario hispano neoyorquino "El Diario/La Prensa", quiere que su vida se desarrolle junto a su familia, incluido su esposo Mikhail Anatolievich Vasenkov, que en Estados Unidos era conocido como "Juan Lázaro".

Peláez, de 55 años y originaria del departamento peruano de Cuzco, es madre de dos hijos, Waldo Mariscal, de 38 años, y

Juan José Lázaro Peláez, de 17. "Son una familia y tienen la intención de mantenerse como tal", señaló el abogado, que dijo que Peláez entiende que si hay "algún problema para su establecimiento en Perú, lo harán en Brasil", al tiempo que agregó que los hijos "quieren estar juntos".

Asimismo, se refirió a que Peláez y su familia dudan sobre establecerse en Perú "debido a la cobertura mediática que ha habido allí y a las declaraciones del presidente Alan García. Sería difícil".

García señaló recientemente que el esposo de Peláez se presentaba hace años como "una especie de embajador de la subversión interna de Perú" y afirmó que éste tenía documentación de tres países, lo que confirmaría que era un "espía de altas condiciones".

"Vicky está decidida a preservar a su familia, y Juan es un miembro de esa familia, por eso se plantea si Perú sería el mejor lugar", agregó.

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